Negligence of historical sites by ASI in Kolar district

2368. DR. VIJAYMALLYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Palya Fort-a 560-year old historic fort belonging to the Palegar era in Gummanayakanhalli, Begepalli in Kolar, is in ruins, without any care taken by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);

(b) whether Government have any proposal to preserve the fort as a heritage site; and

(c) if so, by when the final directions is likely to be issued to ASI?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATIAMBIKA SONI): (a) The Palya Fort in Gummanayakanahalli, Begepalli in District Kolar, Karnataka is not a Centrally protected monument nor is it protected by the State Archaeology Department.

(b) and (c) Considering the resource constraints, there are no proposals to take up the Palya Fort as a Centrally protect monument at present.

Acquisition of Mysore Palace

2369. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1793 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th December, 2004 and state:

(a) whether the matter has been finally disposed of by the Supreme Court; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The next hearing of the case (Civil Appeal No. 3303 of 1997) filed by Sri Srikanta D. N. Wadiyar v/s State of Karnataka & Ors. regarding land acquisition and requisition matters-matters challenging the acquisition procedings pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has been fixed for 7th April, 2006.

Monuments and sites under ASI

2370. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of requests received from the State Governments for conservation of additional monuments and preservation of sites and